

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment that was mailed October 4, 2007.

Please note the following concerning the amendment to claim 6: original part “b” was divided into amended parts “b” and “c”. This division was between the phrases “...the sample,” and “wherein the...”

Thus, in the amended claim, the phrase “c. comparing the...” now appears between the words “sample” and “wherein.”

Accordingly, original part “c” is now part “d.”

Applicants respectfully submit that the instant amendment should be compliant, as it includes the text of all pending claims, with the deleted matter being shown by strike-through or double brackets.

The Remarks corresponding to the Amendment filed December 26, 2006 are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17, 1.136(a), the Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of one (1) month to December 4, 2007 for the period in which to file a response to the outstanding Office Communication. The required fee of \$60.00 is being submitted through the electronic filing procedure. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any

deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this, concurrent, or future filings to Deposit Account Number 50-2752.

From the foregoing, further and favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested and such action is believed to be in order.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, please contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Myers, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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